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MNB(E) Change of Command set

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo – A Change of Command ceremony between the outgoing Multinational Brigade East commanding general, Brig. Gen. William H. Wade II, and the incoming commander, Col(P). John Harrel, will be held at Camp Bondsteel the morning of August 21, 2005.

The ceremony will begin at 10:05 a.m. at the Camp Bondsteel Parade Field. Wade will conduct a brief press conference prior to the start of the ceremony and Harrell will meet with the media at the conclusion of the event.

Harrel, the current Multinational Brigade (East) chief of staff, will be promoted to brigadier general earlier that morning. That event will not be open to the media.

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Col. Jacob van Goor, the current MNB(E) deputy commander of support, will be reassigned as the new brigade chief of staff, and Col. Barbara Poole, the current chief of the Joint Visitor's Bureau, will be reassigned as the new deputy commander of support. These changes will also take effect on August 21.

As previously announced, Wade will return to California to become the adjutant general of the California National Guard. Recently appointed to that position by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Wade expects to assume his new duties in early September.

Media representatives covering the event must arrive at the main pedestrian gate (Gate 1) of Camp Bondsteel no later than 8:30 a.m. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Media representatives planning to attend the ceremony must notify the MNB(E) public affairs office no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, 17 August 20 05. Media representatives who do not confirm attendance with the public affairs office by that time will not be allowed access to Camp Bondsteel to cover the ceremony.

*Media representatives must have **valid** UNIIK Press badges* and will be escorted by public affairs personnel at all times. Media representatives with expired UNIIK press badges will not be admitted on Camp Bondsteel.

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